
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

H-8218 HAS BEEN ADDED

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, May 10, 2022

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: Room 35 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7019](#)

BY McNamara, McEntee, Newberry, Solomon, Potter, Casimiro, Ackerman, Noret
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT (SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 -- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT) {LC3375/1} (Extends the date of commencement of construction projects for health and safety deficiencies and educational enhancement to December 30, 2023.)

01/10/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7281](#)

BY McLaughlin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC3178/1} (Directs RIDE to release to the town of Cumberland any part of state education aid which was withheld as a setoff for money received from any of the ESSER funds.)

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7340](#)

BY McNamara, Giraldo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE RHODE ISLAND EARLY CHILDHOOD INNOVATION ACT {LC4204/1} (Establishes the RI Early Childhood Innovation Act and authorizes department of human services to fund programs for at-risk kindergarten children of \$1,000,000 annually.)

02/04/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7480](#)

BY Amore, Fenton-Fung, Quattrocchi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - ARIANNA'S SPEECH FLUENCY ACT {LC4466/1} (Provides that the general assembly would appropriate \$50,000 annually for a three (3) year pilot program on teacher training in the Orton-Gillingham classroom educator program.)

02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Education

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02/18/2022 Committee transferred to House Finance

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7485](#)

BY O'Brien, Solomon, Hull, Vella-Wilkinson, Cardillo, Noret

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC4710/1} (Extends the reimbursement to a school district or municipality for the employment of newly hired school resource officers only.)

02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7487](#)

BY Place, Chippendale, Quattrocchi, Nardone, Roberts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNTS PROGRAM {LC4755/1} (Requires general treasurer upon request from RIDE to establish education savings account to assist remote-learning students with educational support exempt from state income tax.)

02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7488](#)

BY Amore, Slater, Henries

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FEDERAL AID {LC4357/1} (Requires school lunch service contracts to provide for payment to school-lunch workers and aides for one hundred eight (180) days or the length of the contract for the school year, whichever is longer.)

02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7536](#)

BY Carson, Cortvriend, Fogarty, Alzate, Donovan, Fenton-Fung, Shallcross Smith, Amore, Serpa, Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION OMBUD {LC3291/1} (Establishes the office of the special education ombud, independent of the RI dept of ed to ensure school districts throughout the state meet the minimum standards required to comply with individualized education programs for students with disabilities.)

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Education

03/03/2022 Committee transferred to House Finance

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7546](#)

BY Kazarian, O'Brien, Alzate, Casimiro, Carson, Solomon, Henries, Amore, Cassar
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATIONAL EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC4688/1} (Provides for an appropriation by the general assembly in the amount of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to the various school districts and municipalities to employ additional social workers.)

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7609](#)

BY Craven, Caldwell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT {LC5060/1} (Provides for a five percent increase in the school housing aid ratio for school building projects that award or utilize Rhode Island based architectural firms.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Education

03/09/2022 Committee transferred to House Finance

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7634](#)

BY O'Brien, Barros, Amore, Williams, C Lima, Serpa, Alzate, McNamara, Bennett, Solomon
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FUNDING OF CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS {LC4700/1} (Requires charter schools that disenroll or return a student to the original sending school prior to the end of an academic year, to return all public funds received by the charter school to educate that student for that academic year.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7757](#)

BY Quattrocchi, Nardone, Price, Filippi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - ARIANNA'S SPEECH FLUENCY ACT {LC4870/1} (Establishes the "Arianna's Speech Fluency Act" to promote teacher training in language-based programs such as the Orton-Gillingham method.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7856](#)

BY McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC5114/1} (Provides that the department of education would ensure that the Met Center receives direct state funding from the permanent foundation education-aid program.)

03/04/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7862](#)

BY Giraldo, Morales

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- BACKGROUND CHECKS OF VOLUNTEERS AND INTERNS {LC4145/1} (Waives fees for the applicant to volunteer at a school. It also waives fees for criminal background checks on any employee seeking employment for a position with a salary of less than forty thousand dollars (\$40,000).)

03/04/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7914](#)

BY Tanzi, Felix, McGaw, Ajello, Batista, Donovan, Ranglin-Vassell, Cortvriend

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS {LC5291/1} (Provides that the state would reimburse the school committees for the costs of providing student transportation to public and private school pupils.)

03/07/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7915](#)

BY Casimiro, Noret, Kazarian, Tanzi, Batista, Donovan, Shallcross Smith, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE RHODE ISLAND QUALITY ENHANCEMENT IN AFTERSCHOOL AND OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME ACT {LC4880/1} (Provides funding for afterschool, summer learning and workforce development programs for students in grades K-12.)

03/07/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8029](#)

BY Filippi, Chippendale, Quattrocchi, Place, Roberts, Nardone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FAILING SCHOOL CHOICE ACT {LC5466/1} (Establishes the Failing School Choice Act, to permit students at failing schools to enroll in any public school. It also establishes the Rhode Island education revitalization fund to provide funding to the school choice program.)

03/23/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8030](#)

BY Filippi, Chippendale, Quattrocchi, Place, Nardone, Roberts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- LANGUAGE ACADEMIES ACT {LC5465/1} (Establishes language academies for non-English proficient students and establishes the Rhode Island education revitalization fund to provide funding to the language academies.)

03/23/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8093](#)

BY Barros, Amore, Kislak, McGaw, Cortvriend, Biah, O'Brien, Fogarty, McEntee, Morales ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC5646/1} (Provides that in local educational agencies when over 45% of the children have a family income that is at or below 185% of federal poverty guidelines then the student success factor will be 50% by the core instruction per-pupil amount.)

04/06/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8115](#)

BY Slater, Diaz, O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- STATE AID {LC5676/1} (Prohibits commissioner of elementary and secondary education, notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, from withholding aid for infraction of laws and regulations during an intervention or other exercise of control pursuant to § 16-7.1-5.)

04/08/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8116](#)

BY Slater, Diaz, O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- STATE AID {LC5675/1} (Prohibits withholding aid for infraction of laws and regulation during an intervention or other exercise of control. Would be retroactive to 1/1/21 for orders under section 16-5-30.)

04/08/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8117](#)

BY Slater, Diaz, O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE PAUL W. CROWLEY RHODE ISLAND STUDENT INVESTMENT INITIATIVE {LC5678/1} (Eliminates the requirement that a city or town's educational funding (maintenance of effort) be increased by the same percentage as the total state aid provided and applies retroactively to January 1, 2019.)

04/08/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8170](#)

BY Quattrocchi

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF SCITUATE TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$750,000 TO FINANCE EQUIPMENT, REPAIRS AND/OR IMPROVEMENTS AT THE SCITUATE PUBLIC SCHOOLS {LC5811/1} (Town of Scituate to issue not more than \$750,000 bonds and notes to finance various improvements at the town of Scituate's schools and constitutes an enabling act of the general assembly that is required pursuant to § 16-7-44.)

04/27/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8218](#)

BY Kennedy, Azzinaro, Filippi

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WESTERLY TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 35% FOR EXPENDITURES ELIGIBLE FOR STATE AID AND PROVIDED THAT THE AUTHORIZATION SHALL BE REDUCED BY ANY GRANT RECEIVED FROM THE SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY CAPITAL FUND {LC5921/1} (Authorizes the Town of Westerly to issue bonds and notes in an amount not exceeding \$50,000,000 to finance the construction, renovation, improvement, alteration, repair, furnishing and equipping of schools and school facilities throughout the town.)

05/06/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

PROCEDURAL INFORMATION:

TELEVISION AND LIVESTREAM

The meeting will be televised live by Capitol Television on Cox Communications (channels 15, 61, and 1061 for high definition), Full Channel (on 15) and Verizon (on channel 34). Livestreaming is available at <https://www.rilegislature.gov/CapTV/Pages/default.aspx>.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Send written testimony to: HouseFinance@rilegislature.gov

Testimony must include: your name, bill number and viewpoint (for/against/neither).

Any testimony received without a bill number may not be disseminated to members or posted to the website. Written testimony is posted to the General Assembly website as soon as possible. The posting of documents may be delayed due to high volume and will be delayed if submitted or hand-delivered at hearings.

IN PERSON TESTIMONY

Individuals may testify in person, not by telephone. Sign-up sheets are available in/outside the hearing room. Signs/posters/pictures are not allowed to be displayed inside hearing room.

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